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6.	KSFL-Shahjahanpur	1.860
7.	Indo-Gulf, Jagdishpur	1.709
8.	NFL, Vijaipur (I & II)	3.205
9.	NFCL, Kakinada (I & II)	1.898
10.	TCL, Babrala	1.663
11.	KRIBHCO, Hazira	3.716
12.	CFCL, Gadepan-I&II	2.995
13.	DFPCL-Taloja*	0.404
14.	BVFCL, Namrup	1.385
	TOTAL:	27.664

*2004-05 data

(c) Fertilizer companies do not have facilities to import gas directly. Fertilizer companies are using re-gasified liquefied natural gas (R-LNG) imported by Petronet LNG Limited from Rasgas, Quatar and marketed by GAIL (India) Limited, Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited. Supplies of R-LNG commenced w.e.f. 1.4.2005 and actual average supply to fertilizer units during 2005-06 was 7.420 MMSCMD. The delivered price of R-LNG being supplied to fertilizer units is US$ 5 per Million British Thermal Unit (MMBTU) approximately.

Shortage of gases in fertilizer plants

1207. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fertilizer plants are facing gas shortage and the industry has approached the Prime Minister in the matter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to gas shortage, the fertilizer plants have been using other costly fuels, thus affecting the revenue of the industry; and

(d) if so, what is the action plan of Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Fertilizer industry has been facing shortage of natural gas for the last several years. Gas based urea plants received 23.2 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD) of gas against the requirement of 33.0 MMSCMD during 2003-04. However with the availability of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from 1.4.2005, the supply of gas increased to 27.6 MMSCMD during 2005-06 against the requirement of 34.608 MMSCMD. The Fertilizer Association of India (FAI), which is the apex body of fertilizer manufacturers, has informed that they have not approached the Prime Minister in relation to gas shortage being faced by fertilizer manufacturers.

Due to inadequate availability of gas, urea units are compelled to use costlier substitute feedstock Naphtha resulting in higher subsidy outgo as feedstock cost of urea units is borne by the Government.

For meeting the shortfall of gas for the fertilizer industry, the Department of Fertilizers is in constant interaction with the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and prospective suppliers of Natrual Gas and LNG.

Comparative prices of chemical fertilizers at international market

†1208. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference between the prices of chemical fertilizers in international market and the prices of chemical fertilizers produced in the country;

(b) the details of average prices of said fertilizers during the year 2005-06; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.